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Brickbats for Fulbright

Senator J. W. Fulbright has been given his come-uppance by the Senate.

The Senate resoundingly defeated the Fulbright move to put the Central Intelligence Agency partly under his Foreign Relations Committee. The crafty Arkansan had sought to take away some of the jurisdiction of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, whose ranking members have exclusive supervision of CIA.

After a heated debate in an extraordinary closed session, the Senate voted 61 to 28 to send the Fulbright resolution to the Senate Armed Services Committee, chairmaned by Senator

Richard B. Russell, who sharply attacked Fulbright's attempt to "muscle into" responsibilities of the Armed Services Committee. This was tantamount to killing the resolution.

Fulbright's proposal should have been doomed from the start. It could mean the end of the CIA, if the agency were subjected to slaws of the militant doves on Fulbright's committee. The resolution should never have been offered.

The CIA has long been one of our most valuable agencies in foreign affairs. Its accomplishments are legion. The Senate properly rebuked Senator Fulbright and gave the CIA a sound vote of confidence.